Communities Foundation of Texas is proud to host its 19th annual Freedom Day, a community service event on the National Day of Service and Remembrance, September 11. Hundreds of volunteers representing CFT4B member companies, sponsors, CFT fund holders and staff, and DFW-area veterans will join together in service around the theme of Equity and Justice for All. In 2019, more than 1,500 volunteers supported 24 nonprofits across 35 projects. Living through the 2020 pandemic, economic crisis, and demands to end systemic racism have created tremendous need and a different opportunity for Freedom Day. Volunteers will be activated in 18 virtual, remote, and physically-distanced projects that keep everyone safe and supported. As we gather and serve in remembrance of the lives lost and forever changed by the tragic events of 9/11/2001, we focus our efforts on building thriving communities for all.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 - 9:00 AM  Opening Ceremony Live Stream

9:15 - 10:45 AM  Virtual Project Shift
  Catholic Charities of Fort Worth • Mosaic Family Services • Special Olympics • #StopOne

10:55 - 11:40 AM  Education and Learning Break
  Lone Star Justice Alliance • DKMS • SMU Human Rights
  • SMU The Collective Series

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM  Lunch and Learn - History and Language Matters

12:45 - 2:15 PM  Virtual Project Shift
  Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation •
  Texas Health Resources • Unbound Fort Worth • Military Veteran Peer Network

1:00 - 2:10 PM  Fun Break
  At Ease TX

2:15 - 3:20 PM  Education and Learning Break
  All Stars Project • Project Unity • United to Learn

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM  Family Project Shift
  Birthday Party Project • Cohen Military Family Clinic • The Senior Source

4:55 - 5:00 PM  Closing Comments Live Stream

5:00 - 5:30 PM  Dance Party Celebration

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9/11/2001

8:46 AM  Flight 11  North Tower, WTC
9:03 AM  Flight 175  South Tower, WTC
9:37 AM  Flight 77  Pentagon
10:06 AM  Flight 93  Somerset County, PA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 - 11:30 AM  North Texas Food Bank
                 Plano

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM  Patriot PAWS Service Dogs
                   Rockwall

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM  Farmers Assisting Returning Military (F.A.R.M.)
                   Dallas

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  Hunger Busters
                    Dallas

12:30 - 3:30 PM  North Texas Food Bank
                  Plano
Richie Butler is the Senior Pastor of the historic St. Luke “Community” United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Richie is the founder of Project Unity, which focuses on bridging societal divides through its “Together We” programs like: Together We Ball: Pastors, Police and Community Basketball Event; Together We Dine; Together We Learn; and Together We Sing. In 2020, he launched the Together We Test program to address lack of COVID-19 testing in communities of color as well as the Together We Can initiative to address, “What can I do?” - the question people have been asking in response to the death of George Floyd.

In response to the five Dallas police officers who were ambushed in 2016, Richie launched The Year of Unity, a community-wide initiative to help bridge racial community divides, where the 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush, served as Honorary Chair.

Richie serves on the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University as well as the Communities Foundation of Texas Board of Trustees and Dallas Regional Chamber Board of Directors.

Richie received the SMU Distinguished Alumni Emerging Leader Award and the Dallas Bar Association 2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Justice Award. Richie was also named a 2018 Minority Business Leader award honoree by the Dallas Business Journal, a National Bar Association 2019 Herman M. Sweatt Award recipient, and was a 2019 SMU Letterman Association Silver Anniversary Mustang Award honoree.

Richie holds degrees from Southern Methodist University and Harvard with extended studies at MIT.

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